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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats	1948....Eugene Weaver	1978....Elmer J. Mears
1920....Robert W. Carpenter	1949....Fred W. Lester	1979....Dudley E. Smalley
1921....Jay Allison	1950....Harvey H. Kenitz	1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1922....Dan M. Diener	1951....Joseph R. Krepper	1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1923....Norman E. Anderson	1952....Gilbert G. Giesler	1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1924....Henry Swift	1953....Andrew S. Blaida	1983....Frank J. Bulin
1925....Morris E. Stevenson	1954....Herschel Hubbard	1984....George R. Novak
1926....William E. Hooper	1955....A.R. Fister	1985....George R. Novak
1927....Harold H. Clarke	1956....Dino Convalle	1986....Bill Johnson
1928....George Hannan	1957....Tony F. Morello	1987....A.E. Sheber
1929....A.T. Witt	1958....W.H. Schenke	1988....David D. Wisbrock
1930....Arthur Johnson	1959....James L. Newall	1989....David D. Wisbrock
1931....A.T. Witt	1960....Edwin D. Wrenn	1990....David D. Wisbrock
1932....A.J. Walter	1961....Bernard J. Blaida	1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1933....J. Richard Hawkins	1962....Louis W. Wrenn	1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1934....Melvin G. Binder	1963....James R. Hodous	1993....Ken Gallagher
1935....L.J. Dixon	1964....Jerry Kopecky	1994....Richard Bernardini
1936....William A. Finger	1965....Earl W. Will	1995....Emery Wolff
1937....G. Willard McCollum	1966....Leonard J. Voss	1996....Curt McCullagh
1938....Leslie L. Meyer	1967....Gene Kappelman	1997....Larry Bryant
1939....Charles Dyer	1968....Alois E. Sheber	1998....Larry Bryant
1940....Newell Fishel	1969....Mason Taylor	1999....John Magic
1941....Rollin Whitaker	1970....William Harkness	2000....Jack Border
1942....Ivan M. Webster	1971....Earl W. Will	2001....Jack Border
1943....Thomas C. Arndt	1972....Steven J. Kadlec	2002....Bob Isenberger
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock	1973....Joseph A. Bartels	2003....Bob Isenberger
1945....Stanley A. Lynch	1974....Zedo Oliver	2004....Joe Pappalarido
1946....Louis A. Edwards	1975....Herbert Morrison	2005....Richard Rooney
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan	1976....Chester Kotowski	2006....Richard Rooney
<i>Italics denotes deceased</i>	1977....Ed Knickerbocker	2007....Richard Mueller
		2008....Richard Mueller



Commander's Column

It may be hard to believe, but I have little to say this month. February saw the transfer of Finance Officers. I would like to thank Rich Mueller for all he has done for the Post over the past 3 ½ years. During the first half of February we had a Bingo/Pull tab/ Kitchen/ A-team Workers Dinner to celebrate the effort week in and week out that these fine people put in to bring revenue to our Post. Without any one of them our revenue would be affected. To hammer home this point, the very next day (Valentine's Day) we had poker at the Post. Ed Ludwig (who hates to see his name in print), Rich Greenwald, Jack Border and Herb Morrison all went well above any thing that a reasonable person could expect from them to make the Bingo/Pull Tab Workers Party and poker both a great success.

Speaking of success, we will be forwarding to National a donation check in the amount of \$1,000 for the Wounded Warrior Program. The money goes to buy things for wounded military that the VA and DOD consider personal items. The Legion is filling a very important role again helping those who gave more than most and making their lives a little easier. For those of you who made donations or collected for this campaign, "Thank you!" Along this line in January, Herb Morrison sent a check for \$1,000 to the departments 'Gifts For Yanks' Program and sent care packages to Hines VA Hospital.

During our regular monthly meeting a few surprise items were reported. Since 1939 Post 80 has sponsored Boy Scout Troop 80 and with the exception of a few lost years in the '70s, has sponsored 107 Eagle Scouts. Troop 80 also won the Klondike Derby for the third year in a row. This says something very positive about the boys that go through Troop 80 as well as the adults over the years.

As of this date we are 37 members away from meeting our membership number from last year (456). This is the month where a big push is necessary to finish the year strongly. I challenge each of you to bring one new member into the American Legion and/or if you have not paid your dues please, please, please do so now.

March 7th is our next poker night. The games start at 2 p.m. and we need your help. In addition, March 27 is our Initiation Night and all are welcome. If you have not gone through the process yet, please let the Adjutant know and please join us. Last year's was canceled due to our financial situation.

I guess I underestimated myself - I had more to say than I thought I did!
Please be kind!! Woody



MARCH 2010

Rentals Available for the 2010 Season

Do you have an Event in the near future?

We can accommodate your Rental Needs.

Our Banquet Hall, Our Pavilion and Our Gazebo are available for the 2010 season. Our Banquet Hall can accommodate 300 people, Our Pavilion will seat 144 people under cover and the surrounding 11 acres can accommodate many more people and Our Gazebo with a garden like atmosphere is just right for that romantic wedding. Up to 200 chairs surrounding the Gazebo can accommodate any large wedding.

We give discounts to members, school organizations and charities.

For more information:

Call Post 80 at (630) 968-9710

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visit our website at www.post80.org



NEW PLAQUE FOR 2010

There is going to be a new plaque for veterans names, to placed on our 30ft. Obelisk in the Veterans Memorial Park. The last plaque was put up in 2007. The price will be the same (\$35.00). Each veteran will have a Certificate and a picture of the plaque will be sent to the person who paid for the name. What is needed is full name of the veteran, service and years, (for the certificate) and the phone number and address of the person paying for the plaque. Come to the Post or mail to American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, IL. 60515 Attn. 2009 Plaque. Post Adjutant James Nelson or Herb Morrison. We need 50 names for the new plaque, all names will be put on as they come in. The Legion has over 600 names on The Obelisk now, and we will check to see if the name you sent in is on. Thank you for your help.

American Legion Post 80, Downers Grove, IL 60515
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Legion Rider Update

American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships. Since 2006, Legion Riders nationwide have participated in the Legion Legacy Run, to annually raise money for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, established to provide scholarships to children of U.S. military personnel killed since Sept. 11, 2001. Learn more about the Legion Riders on the American Legion web site at:
<http://www.legion.org/riders>

The Post 80 Legion Riders meet once a month, usually on the third Saturday at 10 am in the Library. Our next Legion Rider meetings are on March 20th and April 17th. If you are interested in joining us and coming along, please plan to attend or contact Steve Collins, Legion Rider Director at 708 473-5620 (cell) or Jack Border at 630 336 3421 (cell).

Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to the Legion Riders Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday April 18, 2010 from 1 pm to 5 pm. The Legion Riders want to invite all Post 80 and Auxiliary Unit 80 members and family to our Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser. Dinner tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 10 and Dessert \$1 and cash bar. There will be a raffle for a 20 speed Mongoose Mountain Bike at dinner.

Rides & Charity Runs

Legion Riders are planning to participate in the following 2010 rides and runs:

June 19 – Freedom Run

June 26-27 – Michigan Wine Country tour

July 4 – Downers Grove July 4th Parade

July 18 - Pediatric Ride for Kids on July 18.

Aug 27-29 – American Legion Rider Romp, Waukesha WI

Sept. 6th – Crest Hill 50th Anniversary Parade

Oct. 23 – Candlelight Charity Bowl in Lemont



Sick Call

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses it a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

To: Bob Gobeli
Larry Kasel
Robert Krause
Bill Levin

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Robert Murray, U. S. Navy, 18 year Post 80
✂ member from Willowbrook, Ill., Died Jan. 19, 2010. ✂
Legion Post 80 provided services Jan. 21, 2010 at
✂ Hallowell & James Funeral Home on 75th Street. ✂
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✂ Commr: **Woody Kawaters**, Chaplain: **Jack Border** ✂  
Honor Guard: **Frank Mangone**, **Jim Sotirakus**,  
✂ **Rich Greenwald**, and **John Cruz** ✂  
Others: **Dick Bernardini** (eulogy), **Nick Brescia**  
✂ **Herb Morrison**, **Joe Maska**, **Jim Nelson** ✂  
**Bob Kocurek**, and **Joe Pappalardo**.  
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**In Memoriam**

Kathleen Hotchkiss

Died Feb. 11, 2010- Buried Feb. 16, 2010

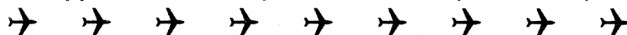
Past President- 1956, Historian for Legion Auxiliary for many years Bingo worker.

Florence M. Kricensky, age 90 died Jan. 25, 2010. Wake was Jan. 28, 2010. On Jan. 28, a memorial service was conducted at the Adams Funeral Home by members of the American Legion,

These Legionnaires Have Gone  
To The Commander of Us All. Rest Well Our Friends.



**Walter M. Wisner**, U. S. Air Force, 18 year Post 80 member from North Aurora, Ill. Died January 22, 2010. Post 80 provided services Jan. 24, 2010 at the Williams Kampp Funeral Home, Roosevelt Road, Wheaton, Ill.



Act. Commr: **Dick Bernardini**, Chaplain: **Jack Border**

Honor Guard: **Larry Bryant**, **Rich Greenwald**,

**Jim Sotirakus**, and **John Cruz**.

Also attending: **Todd Hanson**.



## Attention Baseball Fans

I have chartered the bus for the May 30th baseball outing. 1st Student has raised their rates and is adding a 15% gratuity fee. The bus fare is raised to \$10/person. The total ticket cost will be \$22/person.

Mark your calendars for May 30th. I am planning an outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ballgame with the Kane County cougars. The Game starts at 6:00PM. This would be a fun time for us all. There will be fireworks that night

If we get twenty people or more the box seats is \$12.00 per person. And, we can have a charter a bus to take us to the game and return us to the post.

**The cut off date is April 16th** to purchase your box seat tickets. Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 80 for \$22 per person, which includes the cost of transportation (\$10.00 for chartered bus).

The incentive to purchase tickets by April 16th is four undated tickets good for any game for the rest of the season. Two pair of these tickets will be raffled off on Game Day to all who attend. So get your money in ASAP.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00= \_\_\_\_\_ (Total)

Rich Greenwald (630-960-5898) Sr. Vice



## **Auxiliary News**

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois Standing Rule 24 requires that “All Units will have a current copy of their Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules on file in the Department”. Standing Rule 25 requires that “All Units will follow the format adopted by the Department in writing their Constitution and Bylaws.”

American Legion Auxiliary - Unit 80 has initiated this process to reaffirm administrative choices made by the Unit in its Constitution and Bylaws as well as making required changes to update the Standing Rules to bring them into compliance with Department requirements. At the Unit meeting in October, the Constitution & Bylaws Committee took on this task and based on the Committee’s review and discussion at their meeting on Nov. 6, 2009, the revised drafts of these documents were developed to detail the recommended changes.

Unit 80 will review and discuss these recommendations at the February and March Unit meetings. The Unit will meet in the Post Library and will vote by ballot on the recommended changes at the April 19th Unit meeting. This will enable us to complete and submit the updated Constitution and Bylaws to Department by the May deadline.

Each Unit 80 Member is asked to please review the recommendations and bring them to these meetings so that we are all prepared to discuss them in February and March and vote in April. Your review of the recommendations will speed up our discussions at the meetings.

Auxiliary dues for 2010 must be paid by 3/31/2010 in order to be eligible to vote on these Constitution & Bylaws changes.

### **In Memoriam**

Auxiliary Unit 80 mourns the loss of Past President (1956) and Unit Historian Kathleen Hotchkiss as well as long time member, Florence Kricensky.





## Please note:

Allegra Print & Imaging our printer has moved from their Naperville location to:



**2200 Ogden Ave., Lisle, IL Suite 550**

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## Finance Officer

In February Bob Parker, who is a CPA, took over the job of Finance Officer. As such Bob's first task is getting the bank accounts in good order and paying our bills. Then we will be looking for him to provide meaningful financial reports. So please support Bob in any way you can and welcome him to his new position.

We are also in the process of moving the accounts from Charter One to Chase. This is being done because membership requested it not because of any thing Charter One has done.

Signatures on the accounts as of today are only: Jack Border; Larry Bryant; Rich Greenwald; Woody Kawaters; Herb Morrison; Bob Parker and Emery Wolf. If you believe that you should have signature authority please let me know. - Woody



## Now Hear This!!!!

If you were, or know of someone who, was in the Navy during Vietnam, this is very important. If you have been turned down for VA disability claims based on herbicide exposure please contact the VA. The January 25, 2010 VA&R Bulletin identified a fairly extensive list of "Blue Water" Naval vessels that conducted "operations on the inland "brown water" rivers and delta areas of Vietnam. If the veteran's service aboard one of these ships can be confirmed through military records during the time frames specified, then exposure to herbicide agents can be presumed without further developments." For a copy of the list of ships please contact the Adjutant. – Woody



## **“To Combat the Autocracy of Both the Classes and the Masses”**

Sixth in a series on the Principles contained in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. Printed in the American Legion Magazine in February 1941 written by Walter Naughton

It was sixty-nine years ago when this article first appeared in the American Legion Magazine. But it was in 1919 when our founders wisely put this clause into our Preamble. The veterans of the First World War remembered why they went to Europe to fight an enemy which believed in class rule. No one was free of the strong arm of a government lead by the powerful and wealthy rulers.

At thousands of American Legion Posts across our country, men and women say these words as they recite the Preamble. We as Americans know that our country was founded on the principles of justice, freedom and democracy. We as veterans of both war time and peace time seem to know this even stronger than the average American. We worked side by side with men and women from big cities as well as small towns, with lawyers and garbage collectors, with men and women of almost every race and creed for a common cause.

Americans recognize the right of the majority to prevail in this nation. They also believe in the protection of the rights of the minority and will fight for both these principles at all times. National unity, even if either side has to give a bit now and then, is their creed and they mean to stick to it.

The never ending task of combating the autocracy of both the classes and the masses extends throughout all of The American Legion's programs. In the Americanism program it is paramount from the work of the National Organization down to that of the smallest Post. Legion meetings, wherever held, are open to all.

Class feeling is entirely absent. No one cares just what the social or financial status of the man or woman in the next seat may be, just so long as he or she is a good American.



Down through the years Americans have fought for their freedom of speech, religion, and the right to think as they wish. They do not mean to relinquish any of these privileges now, despite the fact that present world conditions will inevitably bring out renewed efforts on the part of those among our people who seek to disrupt the smooth sailing of government.

We, as members of the greatest veterans organization in the world, dedicate ourselves over and over again to the principles of our Constitution and our way of life. To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses is just one phrase, but, put it together with the other nine phrases and you have our Preamble.

For an article written nearly seventy years ago, the meaning is still true today. In February of 1941 we were preparing for another great war. Today we are involved in another world war. There are still people in this world who don't believe in our form of government and have shown that they are not afraid to attack us on our own soil. We are again fighting for the freedom of others as well as our own. God bless the men and women who now are fighting for us and bring them safely home when their work is done.

Once again this is my interpretation of a lengthy article from the past. We at Post 80 are still searching for historical items related to our Post. If you have anything please send it to the Post home, items will be returned upon request.

Past Commander, Dave Wisbrock March 2010



## **March 27th**

### **Initiation / Recognition of New Members**

Initiation / Recognition will be hold on March 27th. Come and meet our new members, as well as other Legionnaires. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p. m. , and the initiation program at 8: 00 p. m. or sooner. If you are a new member, have transferred from another Post, or have never taken the American Legion oath, you should be in attendance. We have a very impressive program for our new members and their spouses. There will be a \$5.00 donation per person to off set the cost of dinner. There will be no charge for new initiates and their spouses. SEE YOU AT THE POST ON MARCH 27th



## **UPCOMING NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS**

In a few short months we will once again be nominating and the electing the officers of Post 80 for the 2011 Legion year. Who will they be and can they do the job? Each nominated individual will be given the charge for his or her office in August during the installation ceremony. But, what are the duties of the various offices? The following is only an outline.

**Commander** - The commander is a teacher and watchdog for the Post. He is the supervisor of all other officers, our representative to the community, state and nation. He must see that the will of the membership is enforced at all times. He must prepare a schedule of Post events and present it to the membership as soon as possible after taking office. His duties are endless for the coming year and he must be dedicated to well being of our Post.

**Adjutant** - The adjutant is the secretary, mail clerk, and in some ways the gopher for the commander and other officers. The adjutant must have a working knowledge of American Legion programs and policies. An adjutant must maintain the current records of the Post and see that incoming mail is properly distributed. He/she should be up to date with the Post calendar.

**Senior Vice** - Commander: The senior vice must keep our membership up to date. Membership is the life blood of the American Legion. He or she should be familiar with the duties of the commander and be able to step forward in his absence. Working closely with the adjutant to keep our Post current with new Legion programs and traditions.

**Junior Vice** - Commander: This individual must also work closely with the commander and senior vice-commander, as well as the adjutant. Your primary duties are patriotic holidays, children's Christmas Party and entertainment in general.



**Finance Officer:** The keeper of the money. It is your job to make deposits and expenditures as approved by the membership. Monthly reports as to the financial well being of the Post are a MUST. A finance committee should be appointed by the commander as soon as possible and the finance officer is the chairman of this committee. The finance officer must work closely with the adjutant at all times.

Both offices are crucial to the Post. Be prompt in remitting National and department dues, along with the Department Record Card to Department Headquarters. Note all payments and transactions on your Post Membership Register.

**Service Officer:** You have been singly honored by this Post by your election to perform fundamental, unselfish work, not only for the benefit of the members of this Post, but for those War veterans particularly in need of your service. Yours is the choice responsibility of looking out for the welfare of all concerned. The duties of a Service Officer are highly important and exacting, and while your accomplishments will be deeply appreciated by those immediately concerned, the work itself will not be sufficiently conspicuous to catch the headlines in any newspaper. Depending upon satisfactory performance of duty, there will come to you the heartfelt gratitude of each and every member of this post.

**Chaplain:** To you is given the spiritual leadership of this Post. You will lend dignity and respect to your office. You should be in close confidence with the commander and other officers of this Post, and should attend all meetings of the Post. You should be ready upon occasion to take your part in the initiation of new members, the dedication of halls, monuments of colors, and the funeral services for a comrade. All such ceremonies are made more commemorative by the use of our ritual.



**Sergeant-At-Arms:** You are the sentinel, the outer guard of this Post. You will guard especially against the loss of one of The American Legion's greater possessions - our deep and abiding spirit of comradeship. You will learn the identity of and introduce to the Commander all visiting comrades and guests of the Post. You are responsible that no one shall remain a stranger in our midst. Be ready at all times to assist your commander. Into your hands is given charge of the stand of colors which you will properly display at all Post meetings and on ceremonial occasions.

**Historian:** Your office is an important one. To you is given the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records of this Post. The future can only be judged by the past.

Be mindful that the lamp of recorded experience may do in guiding the footsteps of those who follow. Ever remember that without the recorded history of this Post, its policies and accomplishments will be a blank to the ones who come after we are gone.

**Judge Advocate:** To you is assigned a most important duty for which your legal training and/or past Legion experience so aptly prepare you. You are the interpreter of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Post, and may at any time be called upon by the Commander and other officers or members to rule on the legality of their actions and decisions insofar as they affect the good of The American Legion. You are also charged with protecting the integrity of our organization and keeping alight the torch of truth and fidelity that symbolizes the high and ennobling ideals under which our great American Legion was founded.

Prepared from the Officers Guide of The American Legion by the nominating committee for the benefit of incoming officers. There is much more information in the Officers Guide and we will try to get each new officer a copy.

Herb Morrison, Joe Pappalardo, and Dave Wisbrock



### **“To Make Right the Master of Might”**

Seventh of a series on the Principles contained in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

First printed in the March 1941 issue of The American Legion Magazine

Written by Bert Presson

Through unrecorded ages Might was the master of Right. The strong preyed upon the weak, taking all possible advantages of weakness. Under primitive conditions Might was Right. The god of nature was on the side of the heaviest club. As primitive man began to develop greater mental activity and gradually acquired the power of reasoning, unrest and resistance against Might and its attendant exploitation came into being. This tendency first appeared when kinship softened the sternness of Might and sympathy within the kin became an established human trait.

Then came the teachings of Stoicism, Buddhism and Christianity of an ideal of human brotherhood. From these foundations society developed an ethical policy which demanded that men base their dealings on humanitarian principles. Modern history is a gory record of the thoughtful part of mankind's effort to overcome the prehistoric fact that Might was Right and to establish the new principle that Right should not be subservient to Might. The greatest single advance mankind has made along the crimson trail toward that ideal, enunciated anew in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

-- “To Make Right the Master of Might” -- was the American Declaration of Independence, wherein it was stated: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” This new philosophy of the Western World was developed further in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of The United States. It was fostered by the sacrifices of the founders of the new nation and has been nurtured by succeeding generations of freedom loving Americans.



The ideal behind the phrase “To Make Right the Master of Might” has become man’s highest and most cherished concept of democracy. Not only is this the ideal of the people of the New World; it is the philosophy of all free peoples and the dream of those who have been denied freedom.

Giving life to the theory that all men are created equal and are entitled to pursue happiness, American democracy has established the rights of citizens as the basic foundation of civilization. Right is justice. Might is power. Power without justice is tyranny, oppression and slavery. Power with justice is a union of Right and Might, a union necessary to make Right the master of Might. In dedicating itself to that principle, The American Legion recognized that power and force may be required to establish, to maintain or to restore the rights of individuals and to nations

In that clause of our Preamble is found the basis for the Legion’s vigorous stand in favor of a strong and continuous national defense program. The Preamble recognizes that in a world of many conflicting interests, progress in establishing and maintaining the rights of justice over the aggressive and unyielding forces of those occasional “Throwbacks” to the barbaric theory that Might is Right, may be slow and painful. The Preamble does not say to teach or promote the ideal of Right over Might, but to make Right the Master of Might. The forces of justice and righteousness must be prepared to meet and defeat the enemies of freedom. Further, they must stay prepared. The goal of the Legion, therefore, is plain. And the record reveals that the Legion has hewed straight to the line and is determined to carry on in the same manner for God and Country.

Past commander, Dave Wisbrock March 2010





### STILL IN THE 1970's

There were a lot of things going on at Post 80 in the “70s” and finding the right date to go with events is not always easy. In my research I have come across a picture of a group of young ladies standing in front of the post home. They were members of the Junior Auxiliary and were wearing very nice looking uniforms. They were "THE RED BERETS" led by Past Commander Earl Will(1965 & 1971). This group participated in many parades and ceremonies during the early 70s. I also found a list of their names but will not include them here. If any of the RED BERETS are still members of Unit 80 and read this, I would like to hear from you. I'm not sure how the picture will appear but here it is. They wore red berets, white tops and blue skirts. The young lady on the far right had a gold skirt. All wore white boots with red laces.

At this point I must make a correction to last month's history - the time capsule is buried in the center on the north side of the obelisk; thank you Mr. Wolff.

In 1975 the Post finally had the road and parking lot paved. The north and west windows of the original hall were also removed and replaced with brick. The reason for this was the continued vandalism of breaking them. The east windows were left for security reasons, the police could see into the building at all times.

Also in 1975, Post 80 began raising funds for the upcoming "Bicentennial Celebration". The American Legion, Post 80 was still in charge of the Independence Day programs in Downers Grove, being the Parade and fireworks. Bill Creel began the fund raising by selling "JAR GAME TICKETS and PULL TABS" to the membership. All of the collected funds went toward the obelisk. The fund raiser fell short of the amount needed and the membership approved of making up the difference and the obelisk was ordered and setup up for the 4th of July in 1976.



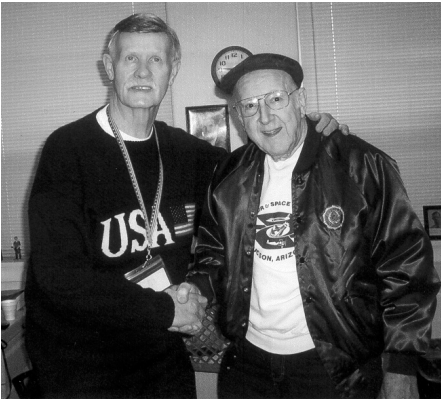
As the Vietnam War came to an end there were more younger veterans joining the American Legion. Once again older members gave the younger ones a hard time as was done to them in the past. Would these new veterans fit in? They had fought a different type of war than the Veterans of WWII and Korea. The politics during the Vietnam War split the Nation as to was the war right or wrong. No matter, as time went on the younger veterans were accepted and here we are today.

My thanks to Past Commander and Service Officer, Herb Morrison, for his donation of some Legion magazines from the 1960s. We now have over 500 covers scanned and on CD. I'm still hoping to find a copy of the April 1941 issue.

Past commander, Dave Wisbrock History March 2010



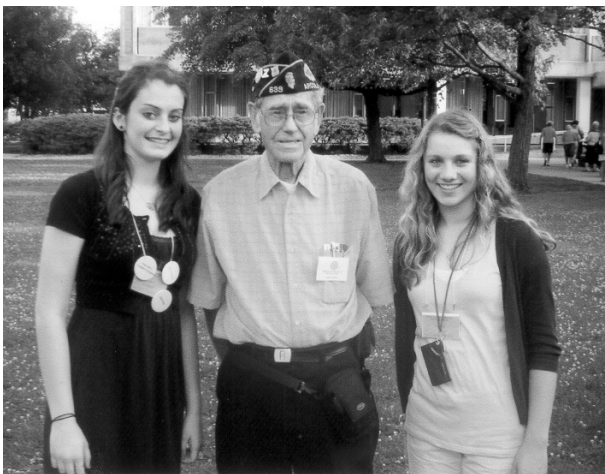
Red Berets



Herb Morrison and Nick Brescia visited Hines VA Hospital on Feb. 8 and gave Jack Thompson \$100 for canteens Book and 20 hospital kits for the veterans. Also a book of stamps for rehab vets



## Girls States Photos



World War II Veteran and Katy Digiulio



Here are some pictures of the participants for girls state, the girls names are: Maria Burn, Katy Digiulio, Sara Makey

We are very proud of our girls and all are from North High School.



**Thought-of-the-Month:**

Recently the Hall of Fame was brought up on TV. Somewhere across the fifty states is a "Hall of Fame" for everything !! Here are a few you probably don't know:

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- 1. The "Country Music Hall of Fame", is of course, **(Nashville, Tennessee).**
  - 2. The gun collection located in Oklahoma's "Cowboy Hall of Fame" is for who?? **(John Wayne).**
  - 3. Notorious for it's crime rate, Miami, Florida has a "Hall of Fame" honoring what profession?? **(Law Enforcement).**
  - 4. What "Hall of Fame" might you find in Ft. Lauderdale? It has to do with water, naturally! **(Swimming).**
  - 5. A popular (non-professional) sport has it's "Hall of Fame" in Oklahoma City. What sport? **(Softball).**
  - 6. Abilene, Kansas has a "Hall of Fame" for a familiar breed of animals we often see at racetracks! **(Greyhound dogs).**
  - 7. Hereford, Texas has a "Hall of Fame" for a special type of cowboy, not only found in Texas! **(Females - Cowgirls).**
  - 8. Where would you find a muscle-building, weight- lifting "Hall of Fame"? **(York, Pennsylvania).**
  - 9. The "Trap-shooting Hall of Fame" is located in what midwestern city?? **(Vandalia, Ohio).**
  - 10. Where would you most likely find the "Cartoonist's Hall of Fame? Yes it's legitimate! No not in California! **(White Plaines, New York).**
  - 11. Where is the "American Legion Hall of Fame"? **Downers Grove, Post 80).** Of course!!.....RWB
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# ***Notes***







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| <b>ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....</b> | <b>ARLENE GUEST</b>      |

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR  
PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb  
1921....Jessie Straub  
1922....Matilda Uhlorn  
1923....Myra Hawkins  
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins  
1925....Emily Sanders  
1926....Daisy Swift  
1927....Florence Johnson  
1928....Mary Pfaff  
1929....Esther Binder  
1930....Beulah McCollum  
1931....Viola Vix  
1932....Bernice Goltry  
1933....Mae Jones  
1934....Bernice Hannan  
1935....Marie Finger  
1936....Evelyn Walter  
1937....Josephine Mitchell  
1938....Lorraine Edwards  
1939....Ethel Margison  
1940....Vera Iehl  
1941....Mabel Webster  
1942....Muriel Fischel  
1943....Ruth Karvatt  
1944....Emily Mrkvicka  
1945....Flossie Dreuttel  
1946....Minnie Lester  
1947....Esther Weaver  
1948....Myrtle Kraft  
*Italics denotes deceased*

1949....Vivian Harkness  
1950....Christine McGarvie  
1951....Shirley Wrenn  
1952....Letitia Mrkvicka  
1953....Corabelle Krepper  
1954....Christine McGarvie  
1955....Elsie Niedner  
1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss  
1957....Marian Lacey  
1958....Evelyn Fredericks  
1959....Shirley Schenke  
1960....Margaret Morello  
1961....Marian Ruzicka  
1962....Margaret Edwards  
1963....Alice Pechinski  
1964....Alice Pechinski  
1965....Anne Creel  
1966....Evelyn Jenkins  
1967....Dorthy Nied  
1968....Eleanor Bartels  
1969....Alice Pechinski  
1970....Helen Beck  
1971....Jeanette Foster  
1972....Dorthy Kadlec  
1973....Margaret Morello  
1974....Ann Hodous  
1975....Ann Hodous  
1976....Eleanor Bartels  
1977....Alice Pechinski  
1978....Mildred Mueller

1979....Catherine Smalley  
1980....Frances North  
1981....Anne Creel  
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
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1984....Anne Creel  
1985....Genevieve Kotowski  
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1987....Ethel Clark  
1988....Bonita Wisbrock  
1989....Eleanor Bartels  
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1991....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
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1993....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
1994....Midge Zielinski  
1995....Boneta Wisbrock  
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2002....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek  
2003....Midge Zielinski  
2004....Bonnie Wisbrock  
2005....Bonnie Wisbrock  
2006....Bonnie Wisbrock  
2007....Bonnie Wisbrock  
2008....Bonnie Wisbrock

# BINGO WORKERS

**March. 2<sup>st</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Jane Bernadini  
Lorraine Donegan

**KITCHEN:** Pat Mustradi  
Julie Isenberger  
Arlene Guest

**March. 9<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Midge Zielinski  
Mary Pizzo

**KITCHEN:** Ilean Kuhnert  
Carol Cermak  
Cheryl Baker

**March. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Evelyn Fredericks  
Kathleen Pleet  
Leora Novak

**KITCHEN:** Karen Greenwald  
Dolores Harrison  
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**March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
Rosemary Collins

**KITCHEN:** Marge Pavich  
Kim Curz

**March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**TICKETS:** Leora Novak  
Evelyn Fredericks

**KITCHEN:** Carol Cermack  
Cheryl Baker  
Terri Johnson

**Meeting March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Kim Curz  
Norma Boader  
Mary Pizzo

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|                        | 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2<br>Bingo 6:30 p.m.  | 3<br>Business Meeting 7:30pm                                                                                | 4  | 5  | 6<br>Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am          |
| 7                      | 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 9<br>Bingo 6:30 p.m.  | 10<br>Country Meeting Wood Dale Post 1205                                                                   | 11 | 12 | 13<br>Coffee Doughnuts Conversation 8:30 am         |
| 14<br>Day Light Saving | 15<br>Auxiliary Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 16<br>Bingo 6:30 p.m. | 17<br>St. Patrick's Day  | 18 | 19 | 20<br>Legion Riders 10am<br><br>C D C 8:30 am       |
| 21                     | 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 23<br>Bingo 6:30 p.m. | 24<br>Board of Directors Meeting                                                                            | 25 | 26 | 27<br>C D C 8:30 am<br>New Member Electing Officers |
| 28<br>Palm Sunday      | <b>ELIGIBILITY DATES</b><br>WORLD WAR I-APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918<br>WORLD WAR II-DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946<br>OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA-DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990<br>KOREAN WAR-JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955<br>GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984<br>PERSIAN GULF-AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities |                       |                                                                                                             |    |    |                                                     |